

Lake Regulations

					Minimum Size Limit				
Type	Open Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Brook Trout	Brown trout Rainbow trout Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink salmon	Atlantic salmon
A	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	All except minnows	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
B	All Year	All Year	All	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
C	All Year	All Year	All	5/3*	8"	8"	8"	10"	15"
D	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Artificial lures only**	1	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
E	All Year	All Year	All	3^	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
F	All Year	Lake trout May 1 - Labor Day Other trout species all year	All	5/3/2+	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, and no more than 1 Atlantic salmon.

** On Type D lakes only artificial lures may be used. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

^ No more than 1 Atlantic salmon.

+ Daily harvest limits: 5 in any combination, no more than 3 fish of any one species, except Lake trout and Splake, for Lake trout and Splake - 2 fish.

Except for lakes in the Sylvania Wilderness Area and Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, **any other inland lake not classified by Type is open all year to the taking of trout with an 8-inch minimum size limit and 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15 inches or greater.** Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. See Michigan Fishing Guide for Sylvania Wilderness Area and Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters regulations.



Any lake regulated by Type (A-F) will be shaded in dark blue or will appear as a blue dot on map pages 23-51. The lake name and type (A-F) will appear in red text.

Note: It is unlawful to fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a lake closed to fishing.

All Grayling must be released immediately

New Statewide Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) Regulations

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Stream Regulations

	All Ye	Brown trout, Brook trout, Atlantic salmon Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 Other trout species all year	Artificial flies only+	2	10"	15"	15"	15"	24"	10"	15"
6	All Year	Brown trout, Brook trout, Atlantic salmon Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 Other trout species all year	Artificial lures only+	2	10"	12"	12"	10"	24"	10"	15"
7	All Year	No-Kill, catch and release only**	Artificial flies only+	0							

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, and no more than 1 Atlantic salmon.

** Trout/salmon may not be possessed on Type 7 streams regardless of where caught, EXCEPT: for children under the age of 12, the daily possession limit is one fish, the minimum size limit is 8 inches and the maximum size limit is 12 inches. Fish less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

+ It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

Note: It is unlawful to fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a stream closed to fishing.



Research Areas: Portions of the Au Sable River Mainstream (Oscoda County), Black River (Montmorency and Otsego counties), Huron River (Oakland County), Mosquito River (Alger County), Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) and Seven Mile Creek (Alger County) are under special regulations. Similarly, Spring Mill Pond (Livingston County), is under special regulations. All of these waters are indicated on the maps with gray shading. Please see the county listings for specific regulations on these waters.

Except for streams in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, **any other inland stream not classified by Type is open all year with an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15 inches or greater.** Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. Please see Michigan Fishing Guide for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters regulations.

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